

Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter

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AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a final report titled, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (EPA/600/P-95/001aF-cF), prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD). This document evaluates the latest scientific information pertaining to health and environmental effects associated with airborne particulate matter (PM).

DATES: On April 12, 1996, ORD transmitted to the EPA Office of Air and Radiation final versions of all thirteen chapters of the document, Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter. After duplication of this large final report, bound copies of the PM Air Quality Criteria Document will be available for wide public distribution on or about May 15, 1996. Until duplication is completed, interested parties can access the Executive Summary of the PM Air Quality Criteria Document via the Internet on the ORD Home Page (<http://www.epa.gov/ORD>). In addition, the entire PM Air Quality Criteria Document is available electronically on the Agency's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards' (OAQPS) Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Bulletin Board System (BBS). The telephone number for the TTN BBS is (919) 541-5742. To access the bulletin board, a modem and communications software are necessary. The following parameters on the communications software are required: Data Bits - 8; Parity - N; and Stop Bits - 1. The document will be located on the Clean Air Act Amendments BBS, under Title I, Policy/Guidance Documents. If assistance is needed in accessing the system, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384 in Research Triangle Park, NC. Also, a copy of the completed report is available for public inspection at the EPA Air Docket and at the EPA Library, both at EPA Headquarters, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. EPA Air Docket hours, in Room M1500 of Waterside Mall, are 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. EPA Library hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

ADDRESSES: On or about May 15, 1996, interested parties can obtain a single copy of the final PM Air Quality Criteria Document by contacting: ORD Publications Office, Technology Transfer Division, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; telephone: (513) 569-7562; facsimile: (513) 569-7566. Please provide your name and mailing address, and request the three-volume document by the title and EPA document number (EPA/600/P-95/001aF-cF). There will be a limited number of paper copies available from the above source. Requests will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. After the supply is exhausted, copies of the PM Air Quality Criteria Document can be purchased from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by calling (703) 487-4650 or sending a facsimile to (703) 321-8547. The NTIS order numbers for the Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter are: Vol. I of III (PB96-168232), Vol. II of III (PB96-168240), Vol. III of

III (PB96- 168257), and for the three-volume set (PB96-168224).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) govern the establishment, review, and revision of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Section 108 directs the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to list pollutants that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare and to issue air quality criteria for them. The air quality criteria are to reflect the latest scientific information useful in indicating the kind and extent of all effects on public health and welfare that may be expected from the presence of the pollutant in ambient air. In keeping with these CAA mandates, this document evaluates the latest scientific information useful in deriving criteria to form scientific bases for decisions regarding possible revision of current PM NAAQS.

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